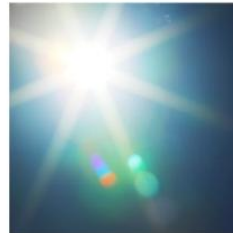


Planning District Commission WIP III Recommendations - Overview -

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Background

- Grant awards to 14 PDCs/ Regional Commissions in early July
 - Work with localities and other stakeholders
 - Review and revise as needed the BMP mix (“input deck”) identified as part of WIP II
 - Identify programmatic actions (funding, capacity, authority) in support of BMP mix
 - Completion by December 15





Engagement

- PDCs engaged:
 - Hosted at least 3 public meetings with their stakeholders
 - Average attendance 15 – 35 people
 - SWCDs, agricultural interest groups
 - local governments, utilities, local health districts
 - state agencies, federal agencies, federal facilities
 - conservation groups, consultants, colleges and universities, private citizens



Engagement

- PDCs engaged:
 - Held one-on-one or small group meetings to further inform process
 - Additional engagement and follow-up through e-mail and conference calls
 - Ongoing exchanges with technical staff on refining input decks
 - For Richmond region, DEQ worked directly with stakeholders

Engagement

- PDCs engaged, cont.
 - Participated in combined meetings with SWCDs
 - Share observations about process
 - Report top BMPs and programmatic actions
 - Discuss opportunities for collaboration



PDC Observations

- Dedicated, knowledgeable local stakeholders
- Best takeaways and recommendations came from locality-specific meetings
- Each locality has different challenges to improving water quality as well as other priorities and pressures
- Greater understanding of existing local efforts and roles of key stakeholders
- Identified opportunities for greater collaboration and planning





PDC Observations

- Identification of key deficiencies in reporting of existing local efforts; discomfort with numbers; issues with data reporting and management
- BMP costs woefully underestimated and rising
- Lack of training opportunities for staff and contractors
- Prioritize research needs for BMP co-benefits/new BMPs



PDC Hot Topic: Funding

- Need for funding
 - Existing/expanding programs (SLAF, VCAP, WQIF)
 - Voluntary BMPs, septic pumping, urban cost-share program, BMP verification and reporting
 - Local, regional and state agency staff
- Funding important vs staffing capacity
- Grants vs sustained \$ source
- Focus on incentives
- Streamline existing funding sources and match opportunities

Questions ?

